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Dear Mr. Jaffe:

The year, 1987! Great Britain, after witnessing the cruel egg industry practice of the forced molting of laying hens, humanely banned it. The year, 1999! The United States, not only continues this harsh procedure, but is supported by the august and respected American Veterinary Medical Association.

Apparently, little emphasis is placed on the physical discomfort of the affected fowl. Even though the hens may literally be starved for one or two weeks, denied water for up to three days and frequently medicated, the egg industry continues this exploitation. The fact that many hens succumb to shock during this period is of concern only because of the their monetary worth and its loss.

I exigently ask the FDA/DHHS take a firm and positive stand in the opposition of the induced or forced molting of layer hens by full support of docket 98P-0203/CP.

Respectfully,

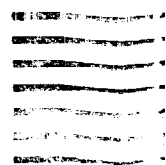
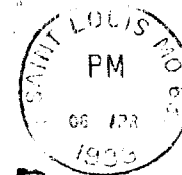
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